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21 Efficient and effective metasearch for a large number of text databases



Clement Yu, Weiyi Meng, King-Lup Liu, Wensheng Wu, Naphtali Rishe

 November 1999 **Proceedings of the eighth international conference on Information and knowledge management**

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Metasearch engines can be used to facilitate ordinary users for retrieving information from multiple local sources (text databases). In a metasearch engine, the contents of each local database is represented by a representative. Each user query is evaluated against the set of representatives of all databases in order to determine the appropriate databases to search. When the number of databases is very large, say in the order of tens of thousands or more, then a traditional metasearch engine ...

22 Evaluating database selection techniques: a testbed and experiment



James C. French, Allison L. Powell, Charles L. Viles, Travis Emmitt, Kevin J. Prey

 August 1998 **Proceedings of the 21st annual international ACM SIGIR conference on Research and development in information retrieval**

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23 The OODB path-method generator (PMG) using access weights and precomputed access relevance

Ashish Mehta, James Geller, Yehoshua Perl, Erich Neuhold

 February 1998 **The VLDB Journal — The International Journal on Very Large Data Bases**, Volume 7 Issue 1

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A *path-method* is used as a mechanism in object-oriented databases (OODBs) to retrieve or to update information relevant to one class that is not stored with that class but with some other class. A path-method is a method which traverses from one class through a chain of connections between classes and accesses information at another class. However, it is a difficult task for a casual user or even an application programmer to write path-methods to facilitate queries. This is because it mig ...

Keywords: Access relevance, Access weight, OODB queries, Object-oriented databases, Path-method, Traversal algorithms

24 Enhancing relevance feedback in image retrieval using unlabeled data

Zhi-Hua Zhou, Ke-Jia Chen, Hong-Bin Dai

April 2006 **ACM Transactions on Information Systems (TOIS)**, Volume 24 Issue 2**Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: pdf(1.23 MB) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

Relevance feedback is an effective scheme bridging the gap between high-level semantics and low-level features in content-based image retrieval (CBIR). In contrast to previous methods which rely on labeled images provided by the user, this article attempts to enhance the performance of relevance feedback by exploiting unlabeled images existing in the database. Concretely, this article integrates the merits of semisupervised learning and active learning into the relevance feedback process. In det ...

Keywords: Relevance feedback, active learning, content-based image retrieval machine learning, learning with unlabeled data, semisupervised learning

25 Term relevance feedback and query expansion: relation to design

Amanda Spink

August 1994 **Proceedings of the 17th annual international ACM SIGIR conference on Research and development in information retrieval****Publisher:** Springer-Verlag New York, Inc.Full text available: pdf(686.20 KB) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [references](#), [citations](#), [index terms](#)**26** Appication models: Client-system collaboration for legal corpus selection in an online production environment

Jack G. Conrad, Joanne R. S. Claussen

June 2003 **Proceedings of the 9th international conference on Artificial intelligence and law****Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: pdf(239.10 KB) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#)

The continued growth of very large data environments such as Westlaw and Dialog, in addition to the World Wide Web, increases the importance of effective and efficient database selection and searching. Current research focuses largely on completely autonomous and automatic selection, searching, and results merging in distributed environments. This fully automatic approach has significant deficiencies, including reliance upon thresholds below which databases with relevant documents are not search ...

Keywords: database selection, query categorization, user interaction

27 Annotated Bibliography Relating to Automatic Indexing in Information RetrievalSeptember 1986 **ACM SIGIR Forum**, Volume 21 Issue 1-2**Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: pdf(938.18 KB) Additional Information: [full citation](#)**28** Information access and retrieval (IAR): Relevance feedback methods for logo and trademark image retrieval on the web

Euripides G. M. Petrakis, Klaydios Kontis, Epimenidis Voutsakis, Evangelos E. Milios

April 2006 **Proceedings of the 2006 ACM symposium on Applied computing SAC '06****Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: pdf(110.23 KB) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

Relevance feedback is the state-of-the-art approach for adjusting query results to the needs of the users. This work extends the existing framework of image retrieval with relevance feedback on the Web by incorporating text and image content into the search and feedback process. Some of the most powerful relevance feedback methods are implemented and tested on a fully automated Web retrieval system with more than 250,000 logo and trademark images. This evaluation demonstrates that term re-weight ...

Keywords: image retrieval, relevance feedback, world wide web

29 Querying and web: Efficient query processing in geographic web search engines



Yen-Yu Chen, Torsten Suel, Alexander Markowetz

June 2006 **Proceedings of the 2006 ACM SIGMOD international conference on Management of data SIGMOD '06**

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Geographic web search engines allow users to constrain and order search results in an intuitive manner by focusing a query on a particular geographic region. Geographic search technology, also called *local search*, has recently received significant interest from major search engine companies. Academic research in this area has focused primarily on techniques for extracting geographic knowledge from the web. In this paper, we study the problem of efficient query processing in scalable geogr ...

30 Technical session 1: content-based image retrieval: A novel log-based relevance feedback technique in content-based image retrieval



Chu-Hong Hoi, Michael R. Lyu

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Relevance feedback has been proposed as an important technique to boost the retrieval performance in content-based image retrieval (CBIR). However, since there exists a semantic gap between low-level features and high-level semantic concepts in CBIR, typical relevance feedback techniques need to perform a lot of rounds of feedback for achieving satisfactory results. These procedures are time-consuming and may make the users bored in the retrieval tasks. For a long-term study purpose in CBIR, ...

Keywords: content-based image retrieval, relevance feedback, support vector machines, users logs

31 Comparing the performance of collection selection algorithms



Allison L. Powell, James C. French

October 2003 **ACM Transactions on Information Systems (TOIS)**, Volume 21 Issue 4

Publisher: ACM Press

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The proliferation of online information resources increases the importance of effective and efficient information retrieval in a multicollection environment. Multicollection searching is cast in three parts: collection selection (also referred to as database selection), query processing and results merging. In this work, we focus our attention on the evaluation of the first step, collection selection. In this article, we present a detailed discussion of the methodology that we used to evaluate an ...

Keywords: Collection selection, database selection, distributed information retrieval, distributed text retrieval, metasearch engine, resource discovery, resource ranking, resource selection, server ranking, server selection, text retrieval

- 32 On the measurement of inter-linker consistency and retrieval effectiveness in hypertext databases
 David Ellis, Jonathan Furner-Hines, Peter Willett
 August 1994 **Proceedings of the 17th annual international ACM SIGIR conference on Research and development in information retrieval**
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 Matthias Hemmje, Clemens Kunkel, Alexander Willett
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- 34 Querying and web: To search or to crawl?: towards a query optimizer for text-centric tasks

 Panagiotis G. Ipeirotis, Eugene Agichtein, Pranay Jain, Luis Gravano
 June 2006 **Proceedings of the 2006 ACM SIGMOD international conference on Management of data SIGMOD '06**
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Text is ubiquitous and, not surprisingly, many important applications rely on textual data for a variety of tasks. As a notable example, information extraction applications derive structured relations from unstructured text; as another example, focused crawlers explore the web to locate pages about specific topics. Execution plans for text-centric tasks follow two general paradigms for processing a text database: either we can scan, or 'crawl,' the text database or, alternatively, we can exploit ...

Keywords: focused crawling, information extraction, metasearching, query optimization, research, text databases

- 35 Query enhancement by user profiles
 Robert R. Korfhage
 July 1984 **Proceedings of the 7th annual international ACM SIGIR conference on Research and development in information retrieval**
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We describe a theoretical model and an on-going series of experiments aimed at a priori query enhancement. The model presents a synthesis of concepts from retrospective and current awareness retrieval systems, employing the user profile as a factor in interpreting a query. It is expected that this will provide a more personalized response to queries.

- 36 Building effective queries in natural language information retrieval
 Tomek Strzalkowski, Fang Lin, Jose Perez-Carballo, Jin Wang
 March 1997 **Proceedings of the fifth conference on Applied natural language processing**
 Publisher: Morgan Kaufmann Publishers Inc.

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In this paper we report on our natural language information retrieval (NLIR) project as related to the recently concluded 5th Text Retrieval Conference (TREC-5). The main thrust of this project is to use natural language processing techniques to enhance the effectiveness of full-text document retrieval. One of our goals was to demonstrate that robust if relatively shallow NLP can help to derive a better representation of text documents for statistical search. Recently, we have turned our attention ...

37 A highly scalable and effective method for metasearch



Weiye Meng, Zonghuan Wu, Clement Yu, Zhuogang Li

July 2001 **ACM Transactions on Information Systems (TOIS)**, Volume 19 Issue 3

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A metasearch engine is a system that supports unified access to multiple local search engines. Database selection is one of the main challenges in building a large-scale metasearch engine. The problem is to efficiently and accurately determine a small number of potentially useful local search engines to invoke for each user query. In order to enable accurate selection, metadata that reflect the contents of each search engine need to be collected and used. This article proposes a highly scalable ...

Keywords: Database selection, distributed text retrieval, metasearch engine, resource discovery

38 The SIFT information dissemination system



Tak W. Yan, Hector Garcia-Molina

December 1999 **ACM Transactions on Database Systems (TODS)**, Volume 24 Issue 4

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Information dissemination is a powerful mechanism for finding information in wide-area environments. An information dissemination server accepts long-term user queries, collects new documents from information sources, matches the documents against the queries, and continuously updates the users with relevant information. This paper is a retrospective of the Stanford Information Filtering Service (SIFT), a system that as of April 1996 was processing over 40,000 worldwide subscriptions and over ...

Keywords: Boolean queries, dissemination, filtering, indexing, vector space queries

39 Indexing music and Chinese text: Looking for new, not known music only: music retrieval by melody style



Fang-Fei Kuo, Man-Kwan Shan

June 2004 **Proceedings of the 4th ACM/IEEE-CS joint conference on Digital libraries**

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With the growth of digital music, content-based music retrieval (CBMR) has attracted increasingly attention. For most CBMR systems, the task is to return music objects similar to query in syntactic properties such as pitch and interval contour sequence. These approaches provide users the capability to look for music that has been heard. However, sometimes, listeners are looking, not for music they have been known, but for music that is new to them. Moreover, people sometimes want to retrieve music ...

Keywords: content-based music retrieval, music classification, music style mining, query by melody style

40 Dynamic query interpretation in relational databases

A. D'Atri, P. Di Felice, M. Moscarini

June 1987 **Proceedings of the sixth ACM SIGACT-SIGMOD-SIGART symposium on Principles of database systems****Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: pdf(693.86 KB) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

A new dynamic approach to the problem of determining the correct interpretation of a logically independent query to a relational database is described. The proposed disambiguating process is based on a simple user-system dialogue that consists in a sequence of decisions about the relevance (or not) of an attribute with respect to the user interpretation

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1 [Some Comments On EQS, A Near Term Natural Language Data Base Query System](#)



William A. Martin

December 1978 **Proceedings of the 1978 annual conference****Publisher:** ACM Press
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Problems and possibilities for near term natural language query systems are discussed, with emphasis on the author's own system, EQS. First, the general objectives for near term systems in the areas of syntax, world knowledge, discourse, and problem solving are considered. Next, a comparison is made between the ATN parsing strategies in LADDER, ROBOT, PLANES, and EQS. Evidence for the importance of giving answers to queries not directly available in the data base is given together with some ...

Keywords: Data base query, Natural language, Semantic data models, Semantic networks

2 [Natural language querying of historical databases](#)

James Clifford

December 1988 **Computational Linguistics**, Volume 14 Issue 4**Publisher:** MIT Press
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In this paper we examine the connection between two areas of semantics, namely the semantics of historical databases and the semantics of natural language querying, and link them together via a common view of the semantics of time. Since the target application domain is an historical database, we present the essential features of the Historical Relational Database Model (HRDM), an extension to the relational model motivated by the desire to incorporate more "real world" semantics into a database ...

3 [Reasoning about inconsistencies in natural language requirements](#)



Vincenzo Gervasi, Didar Zowghi

July 2005 **ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)**, Volume 14 Issue 3**Publisher:** ACM Press
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The use of logic in identifying and analyzing inconsistency in requirements from multiple stakeholders has been found to be effective in a number of studies. Nonmonotonic logic is

a theoretically well-founded formalism that is especially suited for supporting the evolution of requirements. However, direct use of logic for expressing requirements and discussing them with stakeholders poses serious usability problems, since in most cases stakeholders cannot be expected to be fluent with formal log ...

Keywords: Requirements, default logic, inconsistency, natural language

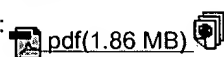
4 Non-singular concepts in natural language discourse

Tomek Strzalkowski, Nick Cercone

September 1989 **Computational Linguistics**, Volume 15 Issue 3

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We introduce a new approach to representing and manipulating various types of non-singular concepts in natural language discourse. The representation we describe is based on a partially ordered structure of levels in which the objects of the same relative singularity are assigned to the same level. Our choice of the representation has been motivated by the following main concerns: 1. The representation should systematically distinguish between those language terms that are used to refer to objec ...


5 Metric details for natural-language spatial relations



Max J. Egenhofer, A. Rashid B. M. Shariff

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Spatial relations often are desired answers that a geographic information system (GIS) should generate in response to a user's query. Current GIS's provide only rudimentary support for processing and interpreting natural-language-like spatial relations, because their models and representations are primarily quantitative, while natural-language spatial relations are usually dominated by qualitative properties. Studies of the use of spatial relations in natural language showed that topology ...

Keywords: GIS, Metric refinements, geographic information systems, spatial relations, topological relations

6 Natural language processing for information retrieval



David D. Lewis, Karen Spärck Jones

January 1996 **Communications of the ACM**, Volume 39 Issue 1

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7 Session V: PHRAN: a knowledge-based natural language understander

Robert Wilensky, Yigal Arens

June 1980 **Proceedings of the 18th annual meeting on Association for Computational Linguistics**

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We have developed an approach to natural language processing in which the natural language processor is viewed as a knowledge-based system whose knowledge is about the meanings of the utterances of its language. The approach is oriented around the phrase

rather than the word as the basic unit. We believe that this paradigm for language processing not only extends the capabilities of other natural language systems, but handles those tasks that previous systems could perform in a more systematic a ...

8 Natural language information retrieval in digital libraries



Tomek Strzalkowski, Jose Perez-Carballo, Mihnea Marinescu

April 1996 **Proceedings of the first ACM international conference on Digital libraries**

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9 A direct manipulation interface for boolean information retrieval via natural language



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This paper describes the design of a direct manipulation user interface for Boolean information retrieval. Intended to overcome the difficulties of manipulating explicit Boolean queries as well as the "black box" drawbacks of so-called natural language query systems, the interface presents a two-dimensional graphical representation of a user's natural language query which not only exposes heuristic query transformations performed by the system, but also supports query reformulat ...

10 IR-7 (information retrieval): natural language processing for IR: Distributional term representations: an experimental comparison



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A number of content management tasks, including term categorization, term clustering, and automated thesaurus generation, view natural language *<i>terms</i>* (e.g. words, noun phrases) as first-class objects, i.e. as objects endowed with an internal representation which makes them suitable for explicit manipulation by the corresponding algorithms. The information retrieval (IR) literature has traditionally used an extensional (aka *<i>distributional</i>*) representation for terms ...

Keywords: term classification, term clustering, term representation

11 Designing a Portable Natural Language Database Query System



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One barrier to the acceptance of natural language database query systems is the substantial installation effort required for each new database. Much of this effort involves the encoding of semantic knowledge for the domain of discourse, necessary to correctly interpret and respond to natural language questions. For such systems to be practical, techniques must be developed to increase their portability to new domains. This paper discusses several issues involving the portability ...

12 Information retrieval using robust natural language processing


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13 An intelligent approach to handling imperfect information in concept-based natural language queries

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Missing information, imprecision, inconsistency, vagueness, uncertainty, and ignorance abound in information systems. Such imperfection is a fact of life in database systems. Although these problems are widely studied in relational database systems, this is not the case in conceptual query systems. And yet, concept-based query languages have been proposed and some are already commercial products. It is therefore imperative to study these problems in concept-based query languages, with a view to ...

Keywords: ambiguous query, anaphoric query, concept-based query, conceptual query language, elliptical query, imperfect queries, incomplete information, inconsistency, inexplicit query, missing information, natural language interface, natural language query, semantically mismatched query

14 Special issue on user modeling: Modeling the user in natural language systems


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For intelligent interactive systems to communicate with humans in a natural manner, they must have knowledge about the system users. This paper explores the role of *user modeling* in such systems. It begins with a characterization of what a user model is and how it can be used. The types of information that a user model may be required to keep about a user are then identified and discussed. User models themselves can vary greatly depending on the requirements of the situation and the imple ...

15 Research in information extraction & document detection: Natural language information retrieval: TIPSTER-2 final report

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We report on the joint GE/NYU natural language information retrieval project as related to the Tipster Phase 2 research conducted initially at NYU and subsequently at GE R&D Center and NYU. The evaluation results discussed here were obtained in connection with

the 3rd and 4th Text Retrieval Conferences (TREC-3 and TREC-4). The main thrust of this project is to use natural language processing techniques to enhance the effectiveness of full-text document retrieval. During the course of the four TR ...

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Recent experiments in programming natural language question-answering systems are reviewed to summarize the methods that have been developed for syntactic, semantic, and logical analysis of English strings. It is concluded that at least minimally effective techniques have been devised for answering questions from natural language subsets in small scale experimental systems and that a useful paradigm has evolved to guide research efforts in the field. Current approaches to semantic analysis ...

Keywords: artificial intelligence, fact retrieval, language processing, natural language, question-answering system, semantics

- 18 Research activities on natural language processing of the FGCS project

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- 19 Unsupervised learning of the morphology of a natural language

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This study reports the results of using minimum description length (MDL) analysis to model unsupervised learning of the morphological segmentation of European languages, using corpora ranging in size from 5,000 words to 500,000 words. We develop a set of heuristics that rapidly develop a probabilistic morphological grammar, and use MDL as our primary tool to determine whether the modifications proposed by the heuristics will be adopted or not. The resulting grammar matches well the analysis that ...

- 20 Summarizing natural language database responses

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In a human dialogue it is usually considered inappropriate if one conversant monopolizes the conversation. Similarly it can be inappropriate for a natural language database interface to respond with a lengthy list of data. A non-enumerative "summary" response is less verbose and often avoids misleading the user where an extensional response might. In this paper we investigate the problem of generating such discourse-oriented concise responses. We present details of the design and implementation o ...

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↑ ABSTRACT

Similarity-based retrieval of images is an important task in many image database applications. A major class of users' requests requires retrieving those images in the database that are spatially similar to the query image. We propose an algorithm for computing the spatial similarity between two symbolic images. A symbolic image is a logical representation of the original image where the image objects are uniquely labeled with symbolic names. Spatial relationships in a symbolic image are represented as edges in a weighted graph referred to as spatial-orientation graph. Spatial similarity is then quantified in terms of the number of, as well as the extent to which, the edges of the spatial-orientation graph of the database image conform to the corresponding edges of the spatial-orientation graph of the query image. The proposed algorithm is robust in the sense that it can deal with translation, scale, and rotational variances in images. The algorithm has quadratic time complexity in terms of the total number of objects in both the database and query images. We also introduce the idea of quantifying a system's retrieval quality by having an expert specify the expected rank ordering with respect to each query for a set of test queries. This enables us to assess the quality of algorithms comprehensively for retrieval in image databases. The characteristics of the proposed algorithm are compared with those of the previously available algorithms using a testbed of images. The comparison demonstrated that our algorithm is not only more efficient but also provides a rank ordering of images that consistently matches with the expert's expected rank ordering.

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Metasearch engines can be used to facilitate ordinary users for retrieving information from multiple local sources (text databases). In a metasearch engine, the contents of each local database is represented by a representative. Each user query is evaluated against the set of representatives of all databases in order to determine the appropriate databases to search. When the number of databases is very large, say in the order of tens of thousands or more, then a traditional metasearch engine may become inefficient as each query needs to be evaluated against too many database representatives. Furthermore, the storage requirement on the site containing the metasearch engine can be very large. In this paper, we propose to use a hierarchy of database representatives to improve the efficiency. We provide an algorithm to search the hierarchy. We show that the retrieval effectiveness of our algorithm is the same as that of evaluating the user query against all database representatives. We also show that our algorithm is efficient. In addition, we propose an alternative way of allocating representatives to sites so that the storage burden on the site containing the metasearch engine is much reduced.

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